PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #64-2 Building Date: 1907
Building Name: Duvall Bridge

Location: Old Telegraph Road at Patuxent River, Laurel, Md. (Now on Lago Road)

Public/Transportation/Unoccupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

Duvall Bridge is a steel truss bridge built in 1907 across the Patuxent River; it carried the Old Telegraph Road between Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. The bridge is a single-span, steel, Pratt truss bridge. The roadbed is of heavy wood planks. The bridge has a criss-cross mesh railing like that of Governors Bridge; unlike the later, however, the Duvall Bridge is open to the sky and has no overhead structure. Affixed to the south raking strut on the Anne Arundel County side is a metal plaque which lists the names of the Anne Arundel County Commissioners in the year that the bridge was constructed. The roadbed is closed to traffic and no longer used. The Duvall bridge spans the river in a scenic area near wildlife propagation ponds at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

Significance:

The Duvall Bridge was built circa 1907 to carry the old Telegraph Road across the Patuxent River between Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. It is one of three surviving bridges of its type in Prince George's County. By the middle of the nineteenth century, there was a wooden bridge at this location; it connected the plantation of Dr. Charles Duvall to his mill on the Anne Arundel County side of the river. Dr. Duvall and later his son, Dr. William W. Duvall, lived in the plantation house known as Gladswood, 1/2 mile south of the bridge in Prince George's County. The Duvalls' 450 acre farm was sold out of the family in 1906; in the next year, a decision was made to replace the old bridge, and the present steel truss bridge was erected. There are two other steel truss bridges in Prince George's County. The bridge at Queen Anne is probably the oldest, dating approximately from the turn of this century. It replaced an earlier wooden bridge at this important port town. Governors Bridge, another Pratt truss steel bridge, was built in 1912; it replaced a nineteenth century wooden bridge at the location known for generations as Governors Bridge, because of its use by Governors Ogle of Belair and Bowie of Fairview in their travels between Annapolis and Prince George's County. The Duvall Bridge is a fine example of an early twentieth century steel Pratt truss bridge, and is one of only three surviving in Prince George's County.

Acreage: ca. 385 acres

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street & number	Old Telegraph Roa	d at Patuxent River(1	now Lago Road) _	not for publication
city, town Laur	el	vicinity of	congressional district	5
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3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s)X structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not applicable	Status occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Owr	er of Prope	rty (give names an	d mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
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7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#64-2

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Affixed to the south raking strut on the Anne Arundel County (east) side is a metal plaque which lists the names of the Anne Arundel County Commissioners in the year that the bridge was constructed:

- "G.D. Ridout
- J.H. Wayson
- J.M. Beard
- H.D. Cook
- J.S. Smith
- W.T. Wells
- A.A. Shipley

Anne Arundel County Commissioners

- W.W. Webb, clerk
- T. Hayman, Road Supt."

The Anne Arundel County Commissioners listed above were sworn into office in November 1907.

The roadbed is closed to traffic and no longer used. The Duvall bridge spans the river in a scenic area near wildlife propagation ponds at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

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By the middle of the nineteenth century, there was a wooden bridge at this location; it connected the plantation of Dr. Charles Duvall to his grist and sawmill on the Anne Arundel County side of the river. Dr. Duvall and later his son, Dr. William W. Duvall, lived in the fine Federal Style frame plantation house known as Gladswood (on the tract, Moore's Industry), approximately 1/2 mile south of the bridge in Prince George's County. The Duvalls' 450 acre farm was sold out of the family in 1906, after the death of Dr. William W. Duvall. In the next year, a decision was made to replace the old bridge, and the present steel truss bridge was erected.1

The Gladswood property was purchased in 1914 by Fred Kluckhuhn, who farmed the land until it was sold in 1936 to the United States Government, for the establishment of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. The Gladswood plantation house, by then in seriously deteriorating condition, was condemned and demolished by the U.S. Government; some of the bricks from the oldest wing at Gladswood were used in the reconstruction on Snowden Hall. In 1941 title to the Duvall Bridge was given to the U.S. Government by Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties. 2

There are two other steel truss bridges in Prince George's County. The bridge at Queen Anne is probably the oldest, dating approximately from the turn of this century. It replaced an earlier wooden bridge at this important town; Queen Anne, established in 1706, became a tobaçco inspection station in 1747, and had a bridge as early as 1755.3 The present bridge at Queen Anne resembles a Pratt truss bridge in Bergen, New Jersey, which was built in 1891.4 The Queen Anne bridge has been closed to traffic for approximately 20 years.

Governors Bridge, another Pratt truss steel bridge was built in 1912; it replaced a nineteenth century wooden bridge at the location known for generations as Governors Bridge, because of its use by Governors Ogle of Belair and Bowie of Fairview in their travels between Annapolis and Prince George's County. Governors Bridge is being repaired and maintained by both Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties.⁵

The Duvall Bridge is a fine example of an early twentieth century steel Pratt truss bridge, and is one of only three surviving in Prince George's County. 6

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Wills WAJ #1:226 and WRS #1:46; Prince George's County Deeds #30:260.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #443:2; cf. PG #64-1, Snowden Hall.
- 3 Archives of Maryland XXVI: 369, L. J. Hienton, Prince George's Heritage, 1975, p. 134.
- 4 "Pagan's Perspective", Better Roads, May and June 1984.
- 5 cf. Governors Bridge, PG #74B-1.
- 6 Two smaller (ca. 1930's) truss bridges carry Leeland Road over the Collington Branch, and McKendree Road over the Timothy Branch; both these smaller bridges underwent repairs in 1984.

cf. Notes, Item # 8

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # _	04-2 Date 1	907
Building Name Gladswood	l Site and Duvall Bridge	
Location Telegraph I	Rd. at Patuxent River	
Open to Public ye	s <u>v</u> no	

This is an old Patuxent River crossing located on the tract called Moore's Industry, patented to Charles Duvall on October 21, 1718. The original wooden bridge was constructed in the early 1800's. In 1861, it provided access to the saw and grist mills of Dr. Charles Duvall on the Ann Arundel County side of the river. It carried the major road between Baltimore and Washington which linked the telegraph lines of Professor Samuel Morse. The present steel truss bridge, erected in 1907 by Ann Arundel County Bureau of Roads, is a type that is now quite rare in the area, the last in Prince George's county, and is interesting from an engineering standpoint.

Goodwood, the home of Dr. Charles Duvall, 1784-1862, the recipient in 1807 of the first diploma to be awarded by the present Medical College of the University of Maryland, was located here. After his death, his son, Dr. William Waters Duvall, to please his wife changed the name to "Gladswood" after her Scottish home. It was destroyed after the government took over the lands in 1936. The bricks were used to construct the wings on Snowden Hall.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old Patuxent River crossing, that is now cut off from public access. It is a scenic area near wildlife propagation ponds. The present span is a low steel truss bridge, with wooden floor planks, that was probably constructed shortly after 1907. A plaque on the Anne Arundel County side reads as follows:

G. D. Rideout

J. H. Wayson
J. M. Beard

H. D. Cook

J. S. Smith

W. T. Wells

A. A. Shipley

Anne Arundel County

Commissioners

E. T. Hayman, Road Supt.

Anne Arundel County records indicate that these seven (7) Commissioners were sworn into office on Nov. 1, 1907. (Hence the date of the bridge)

Condemned in 1977 as the result of recent floods, federal funds have been alloted for restoration in fiscal year 1979. A memorial plaque, (See attached), presented by the Duvall Society in 1966 and vandalized about ten (10) years ago will be reinstalled at this time.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The present steel truss bridge was erected ca. 1907. In November and December of 1941, with the expansion of Ft. Meade, the rights and title to the bridge were given to the federal government by Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties with Prince George's County accepting the gravel mined on the site. The structure is a type that is now quite rare, the last remaining one in Prince George's County, and is interesting from an engineering standpoint.

The old Duvall home, "Goodwood", was located on this tract. The aforementioned Dr. Charles Duvall, 1784-1862, was the recipient in 1807 of the first diploma to be awarded by the present Medical College of the University of Maryland. After his death, his son, Dr. William Waters Duvall, to please his wife, changed the name to "Gladswood", after her Scottish home. The tract remained under Duvall ownership until 1906 when she sold it to Laura K. Matthews. Subsequent owners; Charles Matthews, 1914 and Fred Kluckhuhn, 1932; used the land for tenant farming. In 1936, the dwelling, which was an outstanding example of pre-Revolutionary or early Federal architecture with the oldest part being of brick, was burned by Army engineers; after the tract was sold by Fred Kluckhuhn and his wife, Daisy P. Kluckhuhn to the U.S.A., Dept. of Interior for the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

A large family burial plot was moved to Holy Trinity Church, Collington and the bricks from the home were used to add the wings to Snowden Hall.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is an old Patuxent River Crossing that was located on Duvall lands. In 1861, Dr. Charles DuVall owned a grist and saw mill here on the Anne Arundel Co. side. The present steel-truss bridge is a type that is now quite rare in the area, and is interesting from an engineering standpoint.

The old Duvall home "Gladswood" was located on this tract. It was the home of Dr. William Wirt DuVall, brother of the Dr. DuVall mentioned above. It was removed after the government took over the land in the late-1930's.

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Silver Spring

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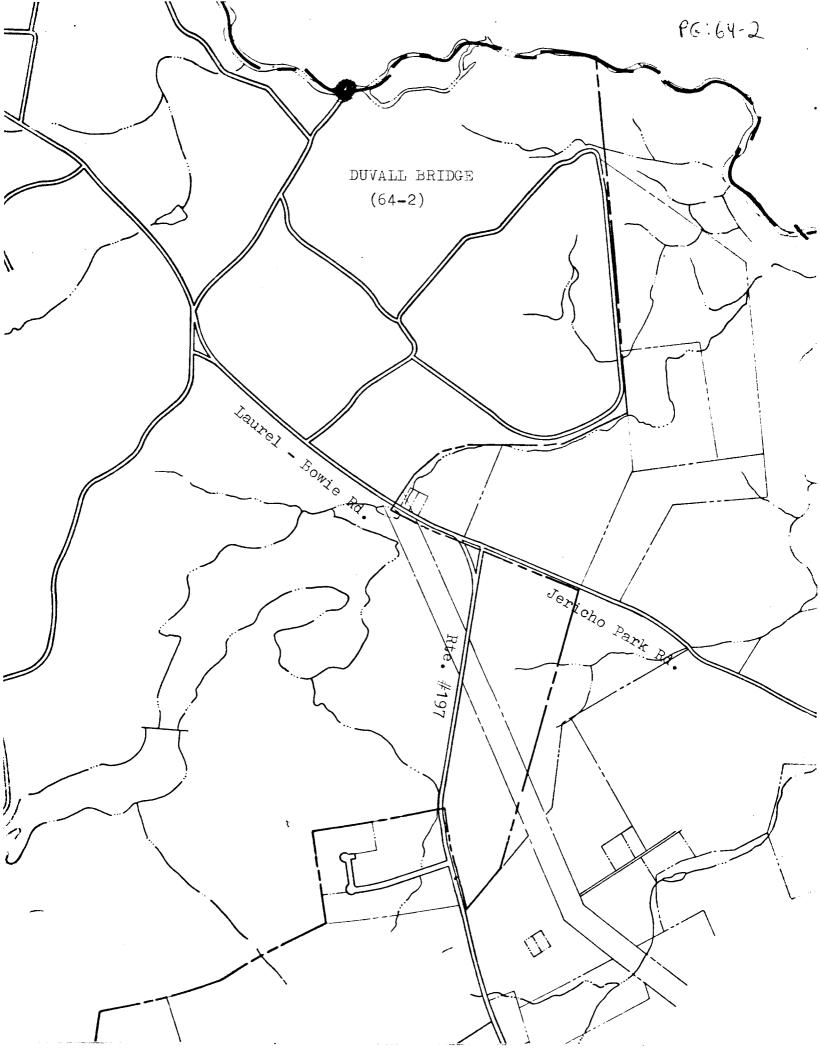
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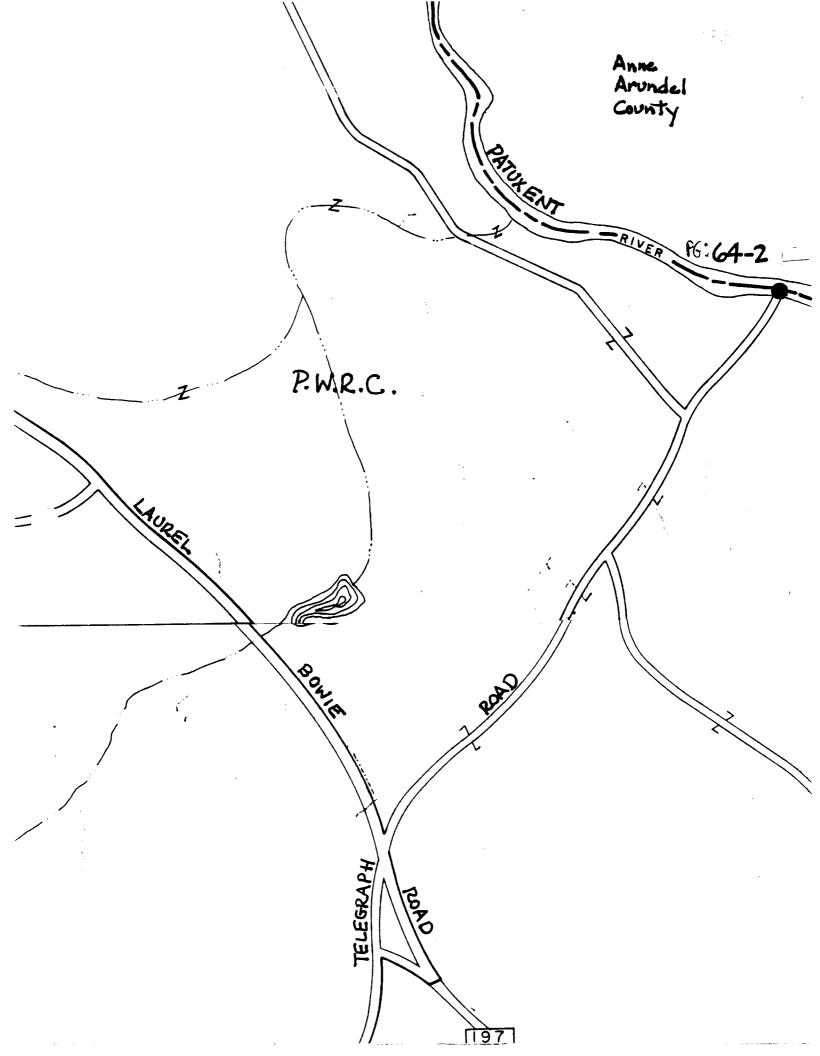
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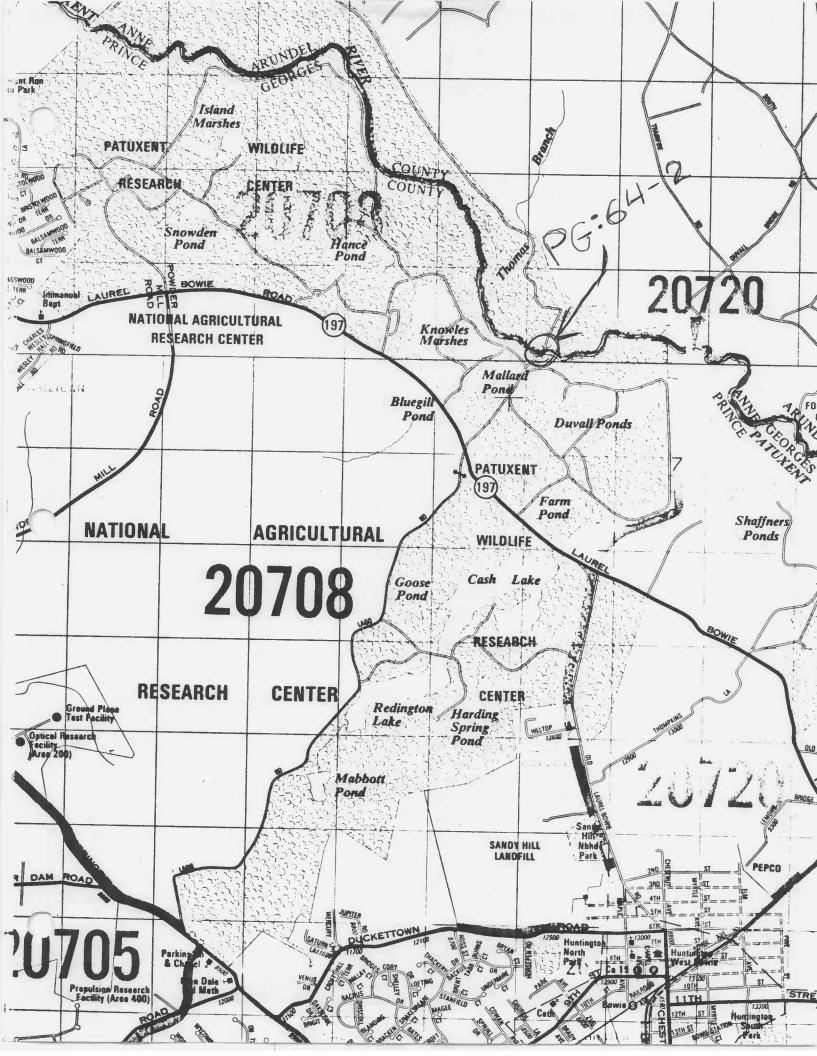
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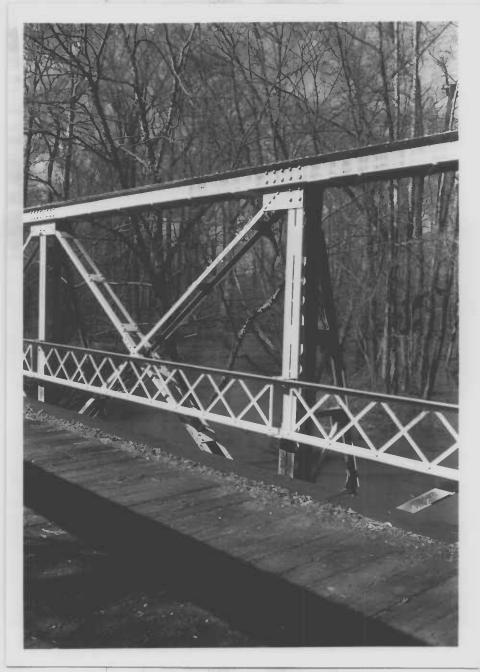
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Susan G. Pearl
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